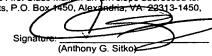


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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the action dated June 16, 2006, applicants hereby request reconsideration of the Final Rejection of claim 25 based on the Remarks/Arguments that follow.

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